



# Media Information

Columbus Division of Police  
Major Crimes Bureau / Felony Assault Unit

Date: 3/18/2021

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Type of Offense/Incident: Felony Assault/Shooting (No Injury) Date: 03/15/2021 Time: 3:17 p.m.

Location of Offense/Incident: 1500 Polaris PKWY Zone: 1 Precinct: 1

Incident Report #: 210176911 Cruiser District: 132

Victim: John Doe	Sex: M	Race: B	Age: unk
Victim: Juvenile	Sex: M	Race: W	Age: 17
Victim:	Sex:	Race:	Age:

Suspect: Arshad J. Lawson	Address: 4005 Andrus Ave		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Arrested	<input type="checkbox"/> Warrant on File	Sex: Male	Race: Black Age: 20
Charges: Felonious Assault			
Suspect:	Address:		
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**Incident Summary:** On March 15, 2021, Columbus Police were dispatched to the Polaris Mall located at 1500 Polaris Pkwy on a call of shots fired inside of the mall. Upon arrival Columbus Police patrol units assisted by S.W.A.T. cleared the building for threats and the evacuation of employees and mall patrons.

Witnesses informed detectives that they observed a group of unidentified subjects arguing in the breezway, when one of the unidentified subjects brandished a handgun and fired multiple rounds from his weapon. Witnesses stated that after the incident, all the unidentified subjects left the building. No injuries were reported at the time of the incident.

\*\*\*\*UPDATE\*\*\*\*

On 3/18/2021 Mr. Arshad J. Lawson was positively identified as the shooting suspect from the Polaris Mall shooting incident on 03/15/2021. Mr. Lawson was charged with Felonious Assault in the Delaware County Court of Common Pleas and he is currently in custody at the Franklin County Jail.

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